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or

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Environmental Health
418 Mineral Ave.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Lane, Community Involvement Coordinator, EPA Region 8 at 1-800-227-8917, ext. 312-6183 or jane.jennifer@epa.gov

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appointment. Head Start begins school on September 9th.



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September 13-15, 2013

~ EVENTS ~

Parade * Viking Encampment * Food Booths
Juried Craft Show *
Rob Quist & Great Northern Concert
Swedish Smorøsbord

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last two campgrounds have been vacuated since the fire broke out Saturday. The fire also caused the closure of a

for us until Labor Day, so it's definitely affecting business not having the traffic come through to Yosemite," said Britney Sorsdahl.

tering, Henry's and Sunshine led expense amounts to \$7,560 annually for the district. The board agreed to absorb the costs and not pass it along to the

students. "We want to get as many children as possible to eat," Maki said.

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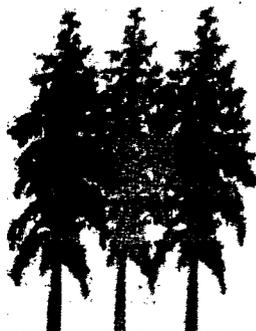
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LOCAL

Chamber director Jennings dies

Shanda Jennings, the executive director of the Libby Area Chamber of Commerce, has died. She was 45.

Jennings' funeral will be Friday, Aug. 30. A full obituary appears inside today's edition. Page 2

Engineers, city meet on dam

Libby City Council members met on deadline with engineers from Morrison-Maierle about the Flower Creek Dam. Watch for more Tuesday.

Pilot program to be expanded

Medicare official vows broader benefits by year's end

Alan Lewis Gerstenecker
Editor

When Marilyn Tavenner met with Sen. Max Baucus earlier this year to solicit his support for her confirmation hearing in the U.S. Senate, Baucus gave her a photograph of a well-known man from Libby who died of asbestos-related cancer several years ago. The photo came with strict instructions to keep it on her desk as a constant reminder that the people who were exposed to asbestos in Libby need

her help.

Tavenner, who is now the top official in charge of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said the photo of Les Skramstad means a lot more to her after standing next to his gravesite and meeting people whose family members died after inhaling toxic asbestos fibers that came from a now-closed W.R. Grace vermiculite mine. Tavenner accompanied Baucus on a visit to Libby on Wednesday that included a stop at the city cemetery

and the Center for Asbestos Related Disease Clinic.

"He told me, 'I will never forget Les, and I don't want you to forget Les,'" Tavenner said. "The photo made all of this real for me. It's in my office, behind my desk. It's really important to me. Coming out here today and meeting people up close and personal - I can't imagine losing children, grandchildren, your spouse. That picture will remind me of the senator, but also the people out here today."

That's exactly what Baucus was banking on.

Baucus said he wanted Tavenner to see the faces of the asbestos victims who rely on Medicare to cover their healthcare costs because she has authority to influence the way healthcare benefits are administered to people who became ill due to exposure to the deadly fiber. Specifically, Baucus was trying to convince Tavenner to expand a Medi-

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